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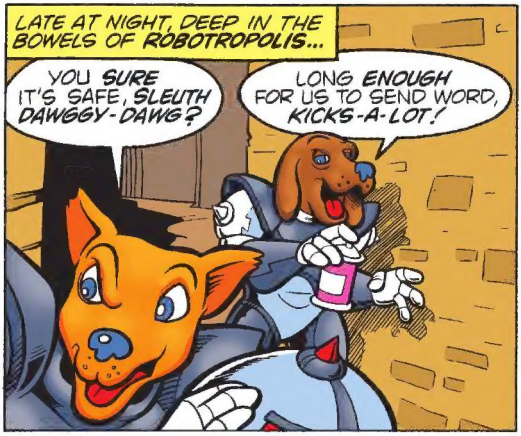
LATE AT NIGHT, DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF ROBOTROPOLIS...
YOU SURE IT'S SAFE, SLEUTH DAWGGY-DAWG?
LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO SEND WORD, KICKS-A-LOT!

AMAZING ROBOTNIK HASN'T CAUGHT ON TO OUR CODE!
YEP! JUST THINKS VANDALS ARE MESSING UP HIS CITY!

WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU ALREADY SPRAY-PAINTED THE MESSAGE!
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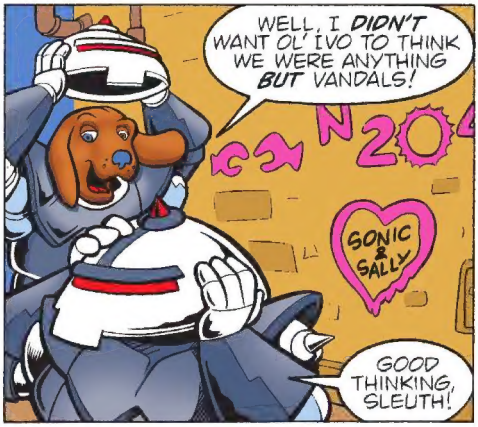
WELL, I DIDN'T WANT OL' IVO TO THINK WE WERE ANYTHING BUT VANDALS!
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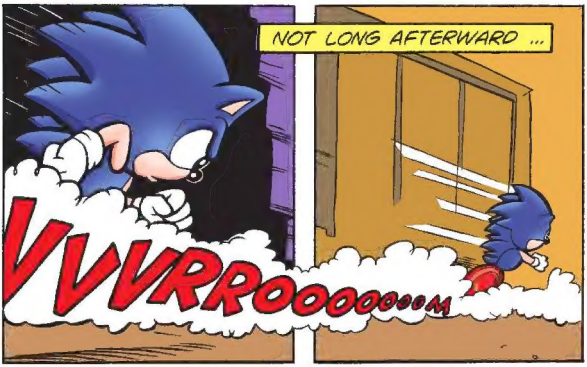
SONIC & SALLY
GOOD THINKING, SLEUTH!


NOT LONG AFTERWARD ...
VVVRROOOOOOOM

ONCE AGAIN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ FINDS HIMSELF PLAYING *ERRAND BOY!*

A SCRAMBLED HEDGEHOG

PART I

THERE'S GOTTA BE AN *EASIER* WAY TO *RETRIEVE* SECRET MESSAGES!

SONIC & SALLY

I'LL HAVE TO ASK *ROTOR* ABOUT IT WHEN I GET BACK!

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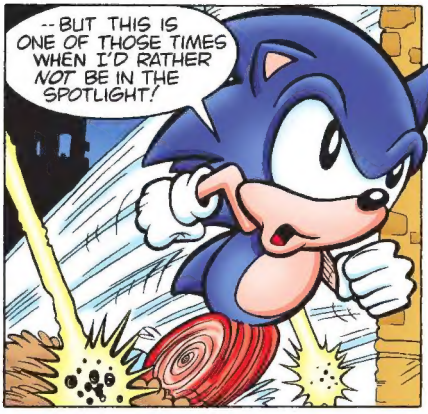
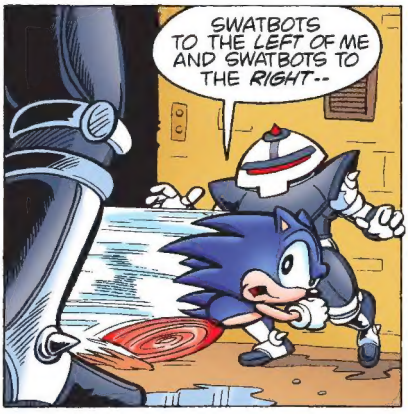
HALT, INTRUDER! STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

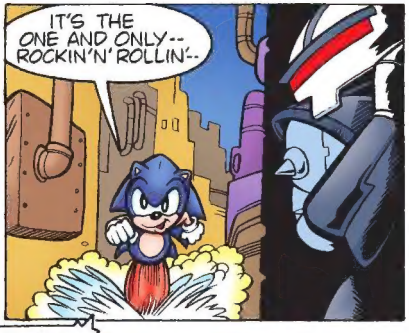
WHA'--?!

I KNOW I'M THE *MAIN ATTRACTION*--

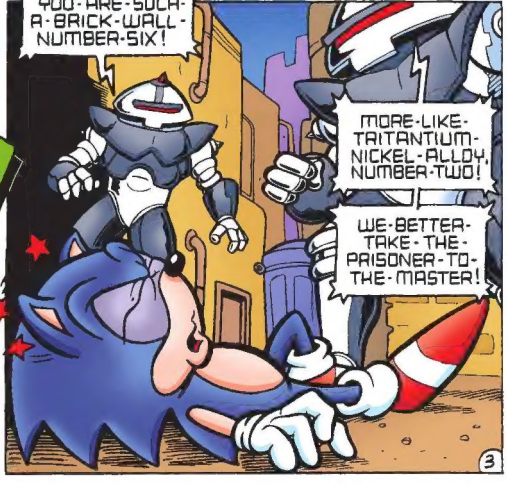

--BUT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES WHEN I'D RATHER NOT BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT!


SWATBOTS TO THE LEFT OF ME AND SWATBOTS TO THE RIGHT--

--LEAVING ME THE MIDDLE AS MY ONLY OPTION!
THIS IS THE REAL DEAL COMING THROUGH!


IT'S THE ONE AND ONLY-- ROCKIN'N' ROLLIN'--

WHAM!

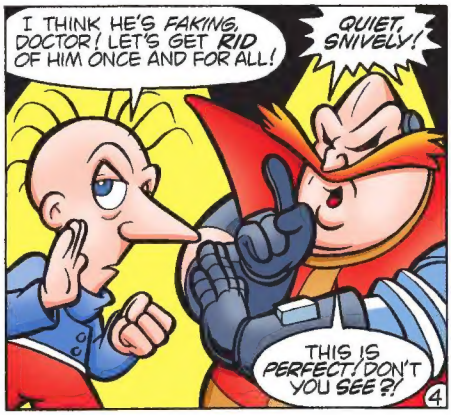

YOU-ARE-SUCH-A-BRICK-WALL-NUMBER-SIX!
MORE-LIKE-TRITANTIUM-NICKEL-ALLOY, NUMBER-TWO!
WE-BETTER-TAKE-THE-PRISONER-TO-THE-MASTER!

ANYBODY GOT THE NUMBER OF THE *TRUCK* THAT HIT ME?

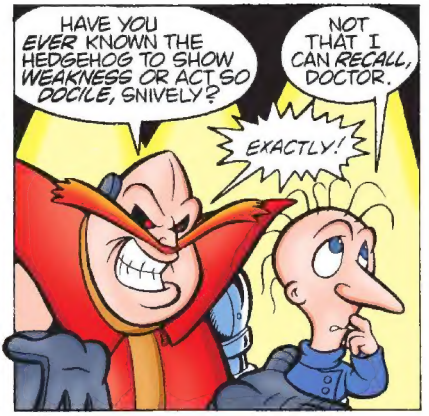
OOOOOOOOOO...

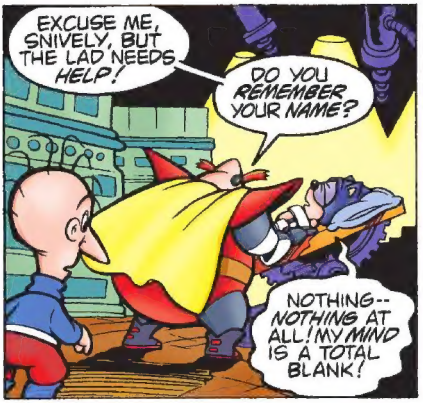
TAKE YOUR *TIME* WAKING, HEDGEHOG! NOW THAT I HAVE YOU, I CAN AFFORD TO BE *PATIENT!* BUT NOT *TOO* PATIENT! AFTER ALL--

--I HAVE A LOT OF *SCHEMES* TO FOIL AND *ENEMIES* TO *CRUSH!*



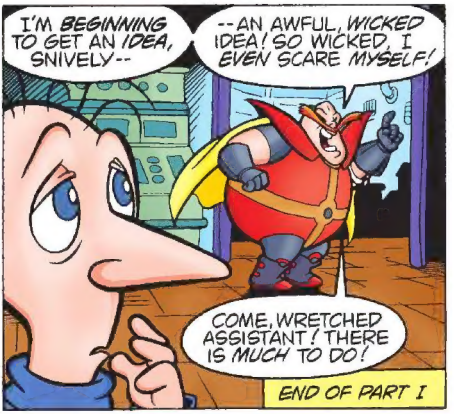
HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO HE IS, THEREFORE HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT I AM!
BUT, SIR, WHAT IF IT'S ALL AN ACT?


HAVE YOU EVER KNOWN THE HEDGEHOG TO SHOW WEAKNESS OR ACT SO DOCILE, SNIVELY?
NOT THAT I CAN RECALL, DOCTOR.
EXACTLY!


EXCUSE ME, SNIVELY, BUT THE LAD NEEDS HELP!
DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR NAME?
NOTHING-- NOTHING AT ALL! MY MIND IS A TOTAL BLANK!

WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED?
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME, YOUR MOST TRUSTED MENTOR AND ADVISOR, TO WHOM YOU TURN FOR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT?
NO, I'M VERY SORRY BUT I DON'T.

THAT'S OKAY, M'BOY! THAT'S QUITE ALRIGHT! LET ME MAKE SURE THESE STRAPS ARE SECURE SO YOU DON'T HURT YOURSELF--
-- AND THEN YOU GET SOME REST! WE'LL TALK AGAIN LATER!

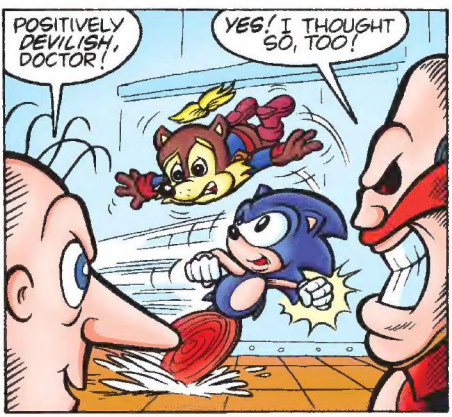

I'M BEGINNING TO GET AN IDEA, SNIVELY--
-- AN AWFUL, WICKED IDEA! SO WICKED, I EVEN SCARE MYSELF!
COME, WRETCHED ASSISTANT! THERE IS MUCH TO DO!
END OF PART I

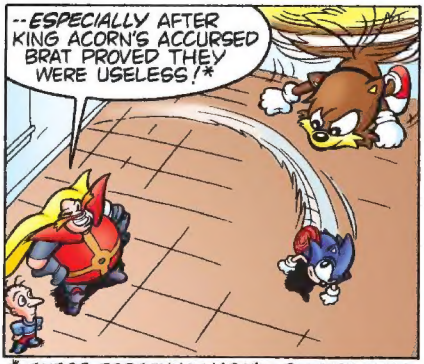
LOOK AT HIM, SNIVELY! LOOK AT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

HE'S MAKING MINCEMEAT OUT OF THOSE ROBOT DUPLICATES!

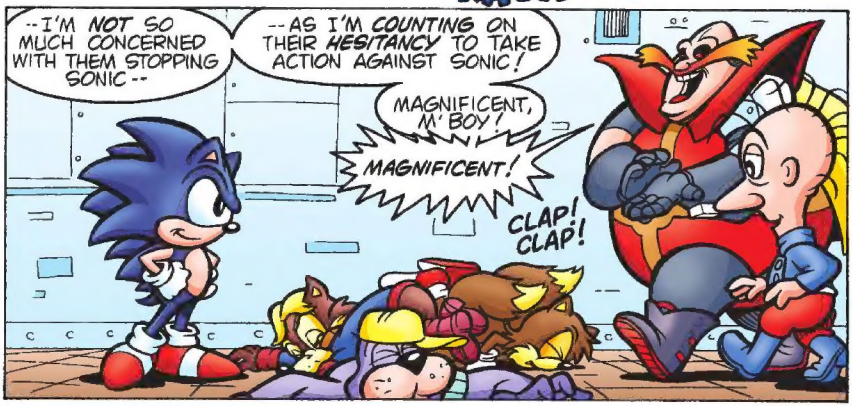
A SCRAMBLED HEDGEHOG

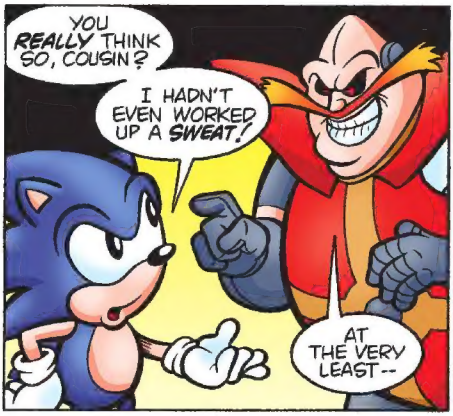
PART II





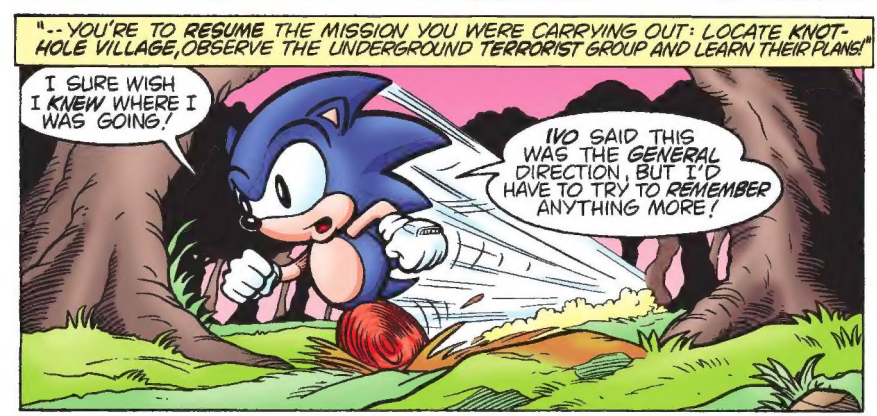
*GUESS ROBOTNIK HASN'T GOTTEN OVER HIS DEFEAT IN PRINCESS SALLY MINI-SERIES#3 -- Editor

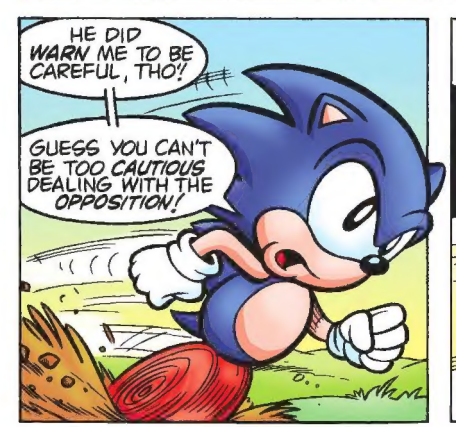


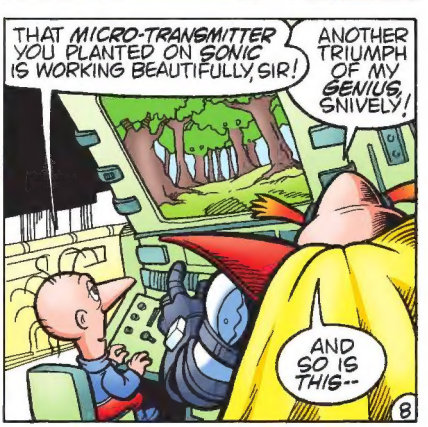


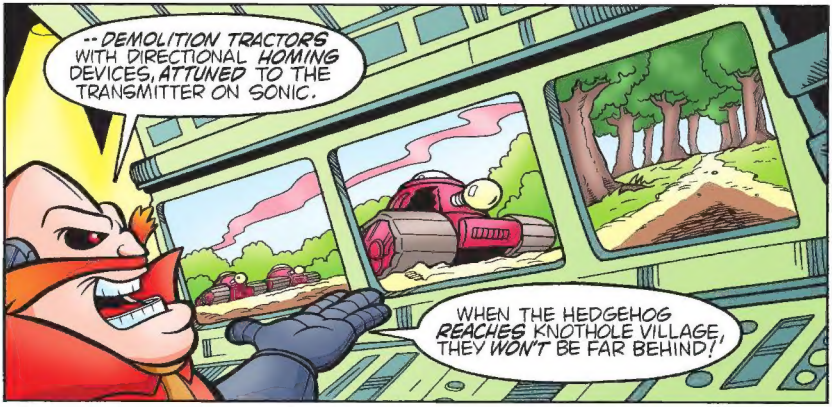
:SIGH: IF ONLY ALL MY AIDES HAD YOUR GET-UP- 'N'-GO!
IT'S RATHER SIMPLE, REALLY--

THE EVIL PRINCESS SALLY AND HER BAND OF CUTTHROATS THREATEN TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT--
--AND SINCE WE CAN'T STRIKE UNTIL WE KNOW WHERE TO STRIKE--


"--YOU'RE TO RESUME THE MISSION YOU WERE CARRYING OUT: LOCATE KNOT-HOLE VILLAGE, OBSERVE THE UNDERGROUND TERRORIST GROUP AND LEARN THEIR PLANS!"
I SURE WISH I KNEW WHERE I WAS GOING!
IVO SAID THIS WAS THE GENERAL DIRECTION, BUT I'D HAVE TO TRY TO REMEMBER ANYTHING MORE!


HE DID WARN ME TO BE CAREFUL, THO!
GUESS YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAUTIOUS DEALING WITH THE OPPOSITION!

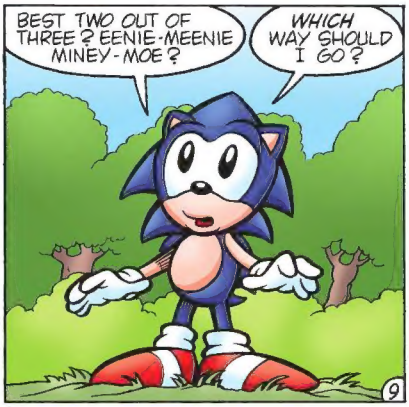

THAT MICRO-TRANSMITTER YOU PLANTED ON SONIC IS WORKING BEAUTIFULLY, SIR!
ANOTHER TRIUMPH OF MY GENIUS, SNIVELY!
AND SO IS THIS--

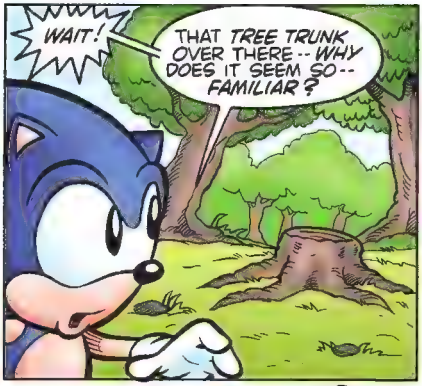

--DEMOLITION TRACTORS WITH DIRECTIONAL HOMING DEVICES, ATTUNED TO THE TRANSMITTER ON SONIC.
WHEN THE HEDGEHOG REACHES KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, THEY WON'T BE FAR BEHIND!

AND ONCE THEY GET THERE--
--BYE-BYE, KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, SAYONARA SONIC AND ARRIVEDERCI, PRINCESS SALLY!

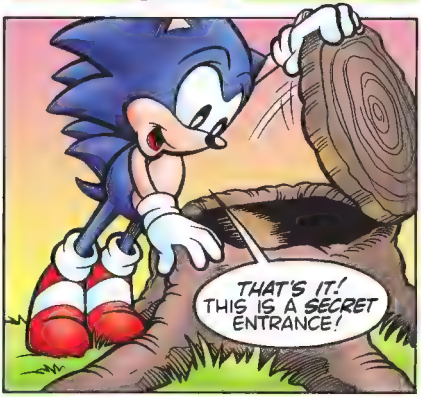
BREAK OUT THE 10-W-40 OIL, SNIVELY--
I HAVEN'T FELT THIS GOOD OVER BEING BAD IN SUCH A LONG TIME!
BUT, SIR, I THOUGHT YOU CELEBRATED NO BAD DEED BEFORE ITS TIME?!

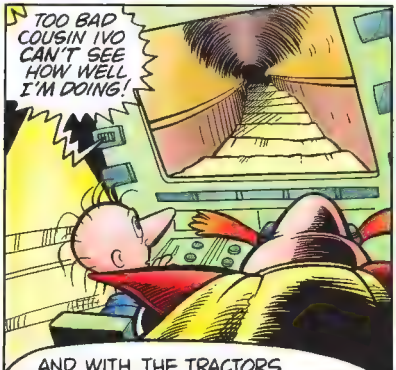
"Y'KNOW, SNIVELY, NOW I REMEMBER WHY I PREFER CRABMEAT OVER YOU."
A FORK IN THE PATH! NOT COOL!

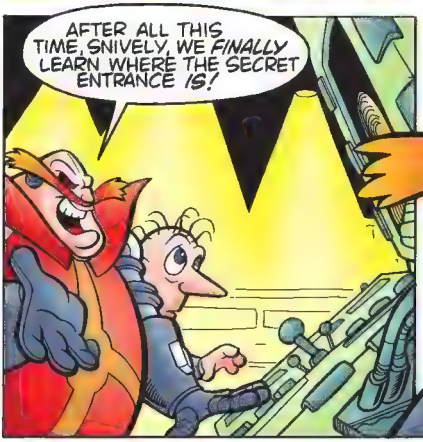

BEST TWO OUT OF THREE? EENIE-MEENIE MINEY-MOE?
WHICH WAY SHOULD I GO?


WAIT!
THAT TREE TRUNK OVER THERE -- WHY DOES IT SEEM SO -- FAMILIAR?

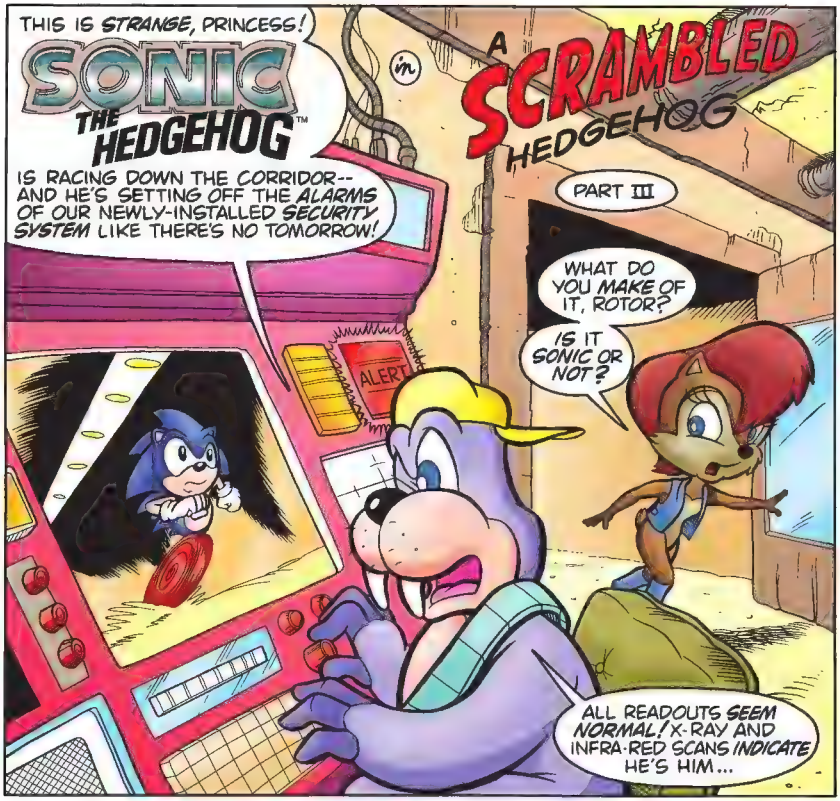
COUSIN IVO SAID I WAS JUST BEGINNING TO INFILTRATE THE MOBIUS TERRORIST ARMY -- THAT BEING THE CASE, MAYBE THERE ISN'T A DIRECT ROUTE TO THEIR VILLAGE.
MAYBE --

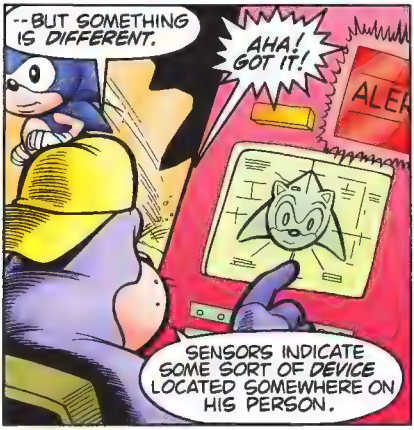

THAT'S IT! THIS IS A SECRET ENTRANCE!


TOO BAD COUSIN IVO CAN'T SEE HOW WELL I'M DOING!

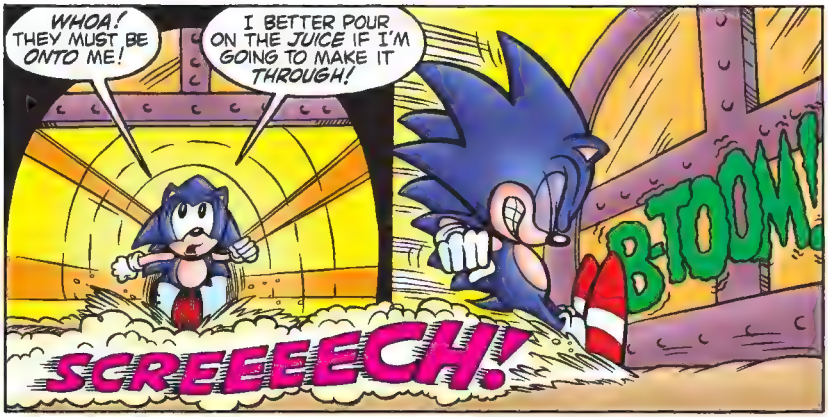

AFTER ALL THIS TIME, SNIVELY, WE FINALLY LEARN WHERE THE SECRET ENTRANCE IS!

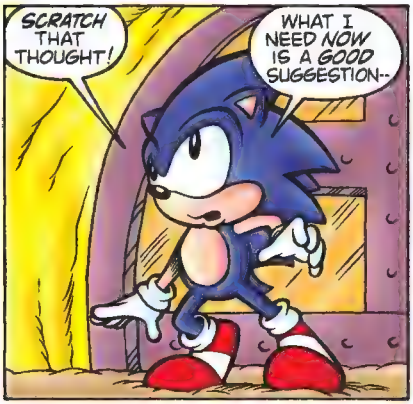
AND WITH THE TRACTORS TRACKING SONIC FROM THE SURFACE, IT WON'T BE LONG TILL WE LEARN THE LOCATION OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE --
-- A.K.A. GROUND ZERO!
END OF PART II


THIS IS STRANGE, PRINCESS!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
IS RACING DOWN THE CORRIDOR-- AND HE'S SETTING OFF THE ALARMS OF OUR NEWLY-INSTALLED SECURITY SYSTEM LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW!
in
A SCRAMBLED HEDGEHOG
PART III
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, ROTOR?
IS IT SONIC OR NOT?
ALERT
ALL READOUTS SEEM NORMAL! X-RAY AND INFRA-RED SCANS INDICATE HE'S HIM...

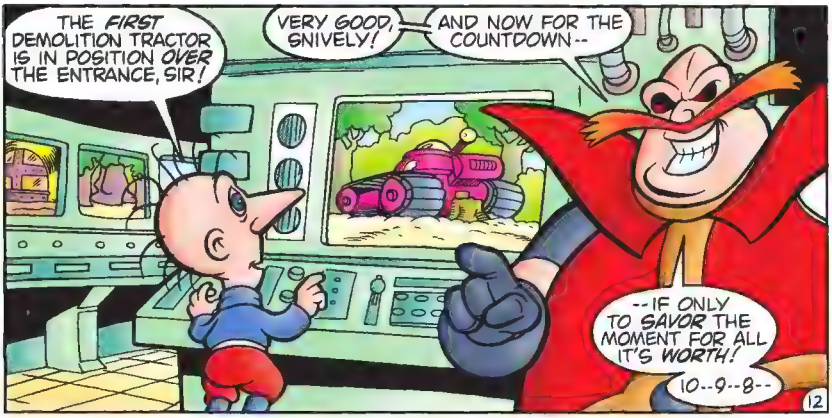

--BUT SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT.
AHA! GOT IT!
ALER
SENSORS INDICATE SOME SORT OF DEVICE LOCATED SOMEWHERE ON HIS PERSON.

AND HE MAY NOT EVEN BE AWARE HE HAS IT!
IN THAT CASE--
SEAL OFF THE TUNNEL! HE MUST NOT REACH THIS END!


WHOA! THEY MUST BE ONTO ME!
I BETTER POUR ON THE JUICE IF I'M GOING TO MAKE IT THROUGH!
B-TOOM!
SCREEEECH!


SCRATCH THAT THOUGHT!
WHAT I NEED NOW IS A GOOD SUGGESTION--

--AND, BROTHER, DO I NEED IT QUICK, IF THAT RUMBLING IS ANY INDICATION!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE WITH A CAPITAL "T"!


THE FIRST DEMOLITION TRACTOR IS IN POSITION OVER THE ENTRANCE, SIR!
VERY GOOD, SNIVELY!
AND NOW FOR THE COUNTDOWN--
--IF ONLY TO SAVOR THE MOMENT FOR ALL IT'S WORTH!
10--9--8--

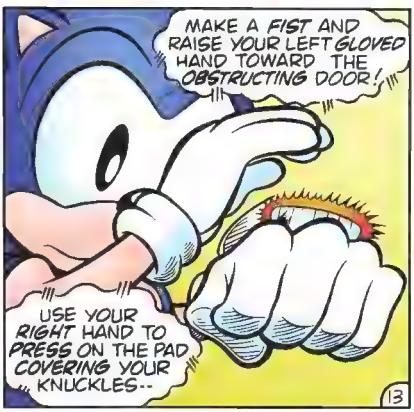
--7--
--6--
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! WE HAVE A GLITCH, SIR! WE HAVE A GLITCH!
--5--
WHA--
?!!

COUNTDOWN ABORTED! THIS HAD BETTER BE GOOD, SNIVELY!
DOCTOR, OUR TRANSMITTER SHOWS THE HEDGEHOG HAS BEEN SEALED OFF SOMEWHERE IN A TUNNEL!

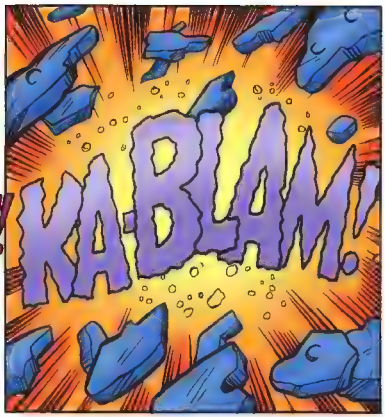
HE'S NOWHERE NEAR THE OBJECTIVE, SIR, !
:SIGH:
IS THAT ALL? MERELY A MINOR IRRITANT!

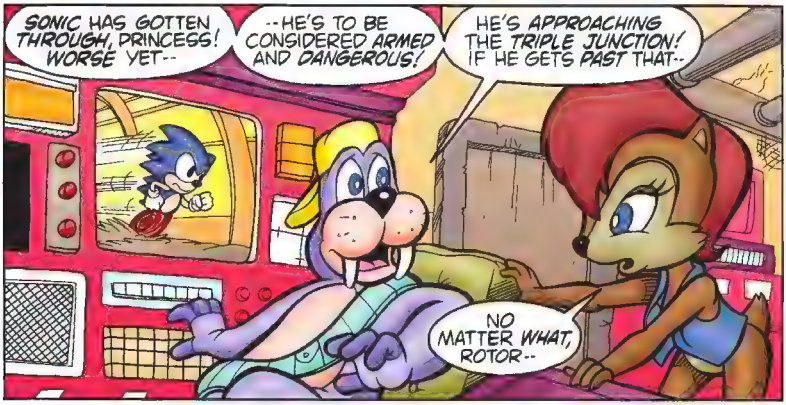
I TOOK PRECAUTIONS, SINCE THE HEDGEHOG ISN'T AS CAPABLE IN HIS CURRENT CONDITION AS I'D LIKE! I THOUGHT A LITTLE EXTRA SOMETHING WOULD COME IN HANDY--
--AND, AS USUAL, I HAVE BEEN PROVEN CORRECT!

SONIC! PAY CLOSE ATTENTION!
IVO! BUT HOW?
I'M SPEAKING THROUGH A TRANSMITTER ON YOU SO I COULD ASSIST IN YOUR TIME OF NEED!


MAKE A FIST AND RAISE YOUR LEFT GLOVED HAND TOWARD THE OBSTRUCTING DOOR!
USE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO PRESS ON THE PAD COVERING YOUR KNUCKLES--

--ACTIVATING THE HAND-LASER I INSTALLED IN YOUR GLOVE!
FRRZAMT!

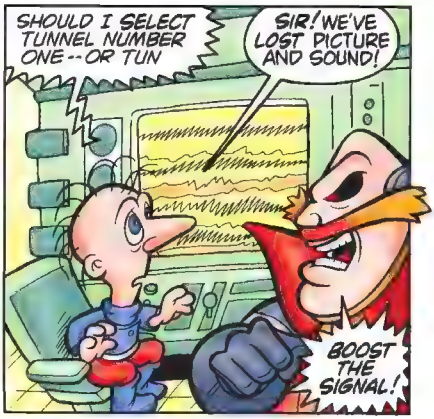

KA-BLAM!

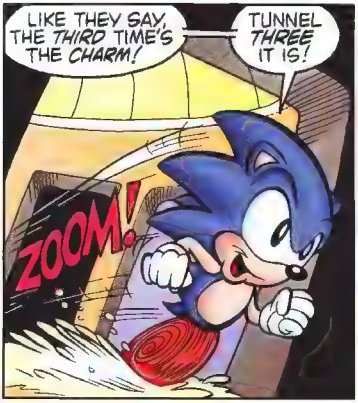

SONIC HAS GOTTEN THROUGH, PRINCESS! WORSE YET--
--HE'S TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS!
HE'S APPROACHING THE TRIPLE JUNCTION! IF HE GETS PAST THAT--
NO MATTER WHAT, ROTOR--

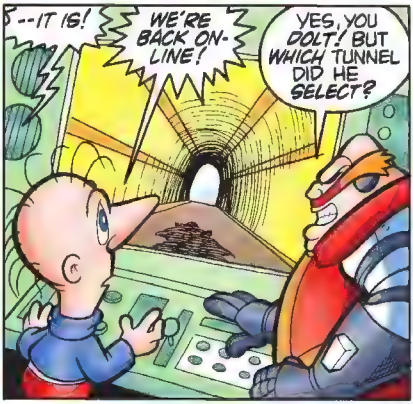
--N-NO MATTER WHAT --
SONIC IS NOT TO MAKE IT THROUGH!
TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO STOP HIM!

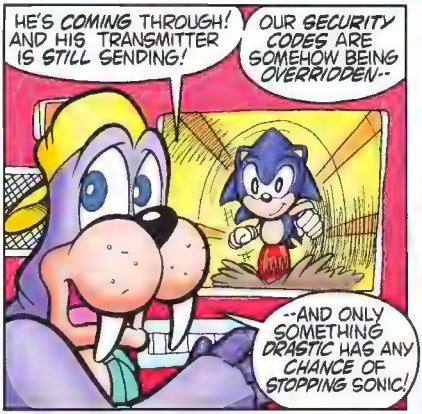
"WE CAN'T RISK EVERYONE'S SAFETY BECAUSE HE USED TO BE OUR FRIEND!"
ANOTHER FORK IN THE ROAD -- AND THEN SOME!
SCREEECH!

MAYBE I SHOULD'VE BROUGHT DICE TO HELP ME DECIDE!
THIS MEMORY LOSS REALLY BITES!


SHOULD I SELECT TUNNEL NUMBER ONE--OR TUN
SIR! WE'VE LOST PICTURE AND SOUND!
BOOST THE SIGNAL!


LIKE THEY SAY, THE THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM!
TUNNEL THREE IT IS!
ZOOM!

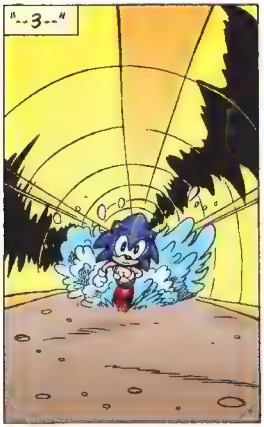

--IT IS!
WE'RE BACK ON-LINE!
YES, YOU DOLT! BUT WHICH TUNNEL DID HE SELECT?


HE'S COMING THROUGH! AND HIS TRANSMITTER IS STILL SENDING!
OUR SECURITY CODES ARE SOMEHOW BEING OVERRIDDEN--
--AND ONLY SOMETHING DRASTIC HAS ANY CHANCE OF STOPPING SONIC!

WE HAVEN'T ANY CHOICE AT THIS MOMENT, ROTOR! FLOOD ALL THE TUNNELS AT MY COMMAND--

"-- NOW!"
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'VE TAKEN A WRONG TURN SOMEWHERE!
SPIN-LOOSH!

GANGWAY!
RESUME COUNTDOWN, SNIVELY! WE MAY BE ABLE TO SALVAGE THIS MESS YET!
COUNTDOWN RESUMED-- 4--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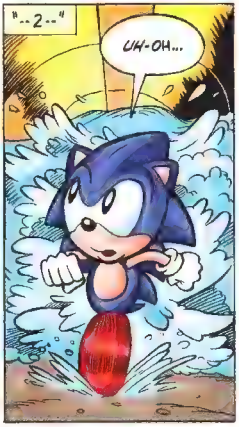
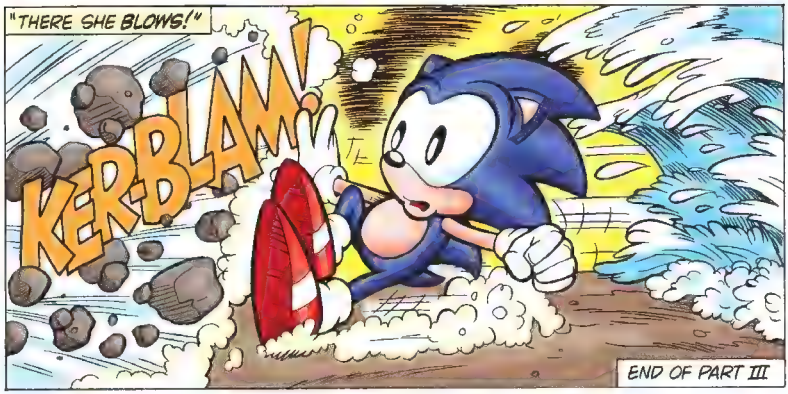
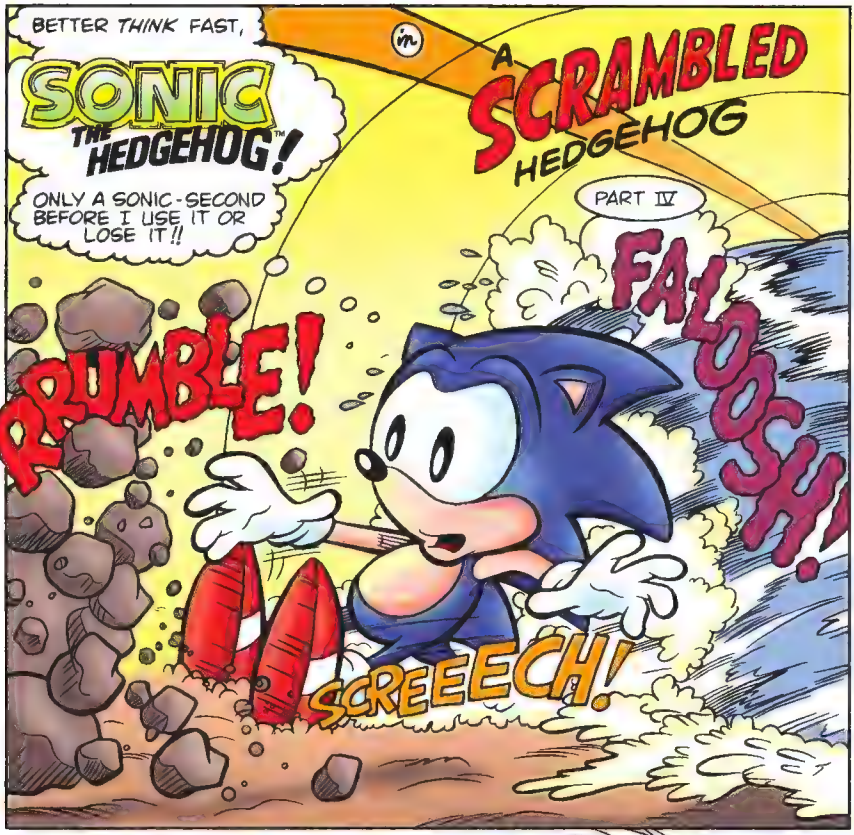
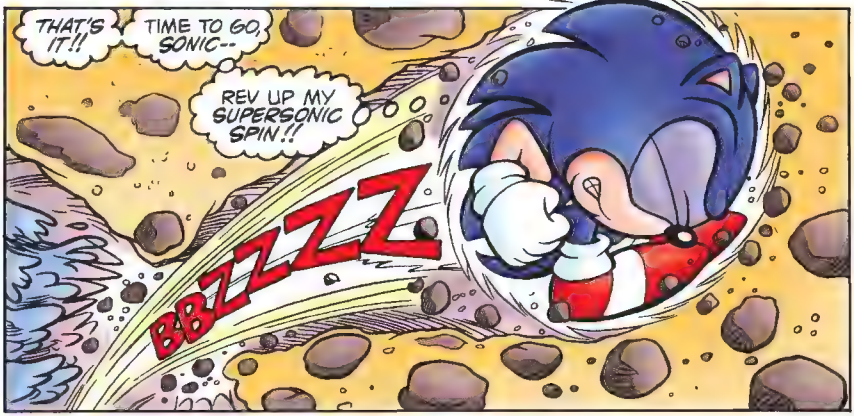
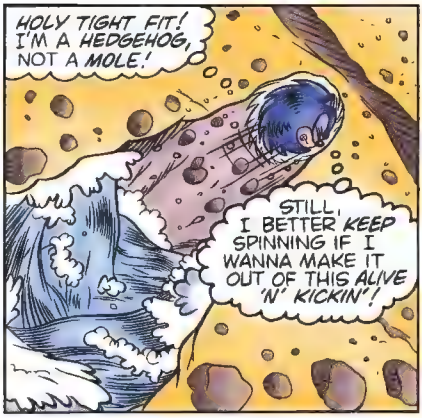

"--2--"
UH-OH...

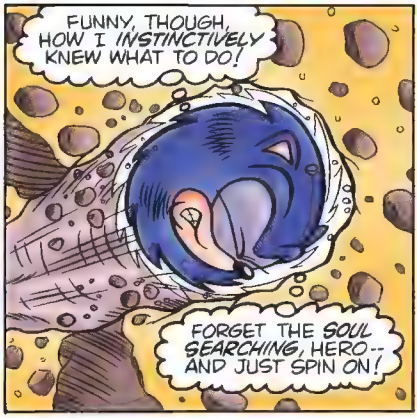
"--1--"
THERE'S THAT RUMBLING AGAIN!


"THERE SHE BLOWS!"
KER-BLAM!
END OF PART III


BETTER THINK FAST, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™!
ONLY A SONIC-SECOND BEFORE I USE IT OR LOSE IT!!
A SCRAMBLED HEDGEHOG
PART IV
RRUMBLE!
FALOOSH!
SCREEECH!

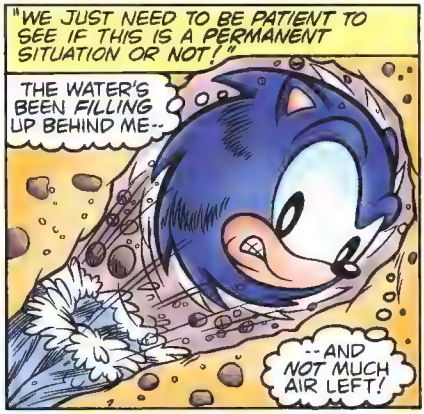

THAT'S IT!!
TIME TO GO, SONIC--
REV UP MY SUPERSONIC SPIN!!
BBZZZZZ


HOLY TIGHT FIT! I'M A HEDGEHOG, NOT A MOLE!
STILL, I BETTER KEEP SPINNING IF I WANNA MAKE IT OUT OF THIS ALIVE 'N' KICKIN'!

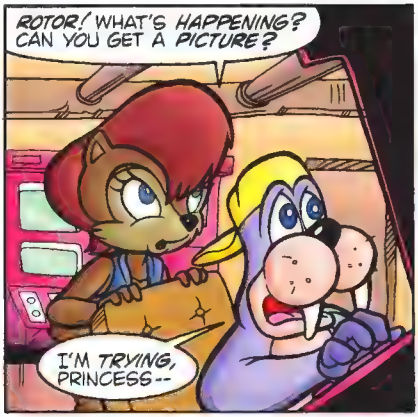

FUNNY, THOUGH, HOW I INSTINCTIVELY KNEW WHAT TO DO!
FORGET THE SOUL SEARCHING, HERO-- AND JUST SPIN ON!

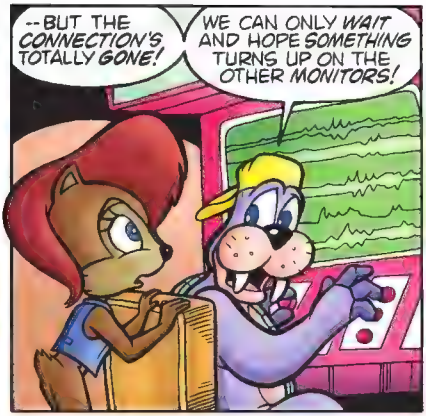
WE'VE LOST ALL CONTACT, SIR!
DOES THIS MEAN--?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS JUST YET, YOU SNIVELING TOADY!

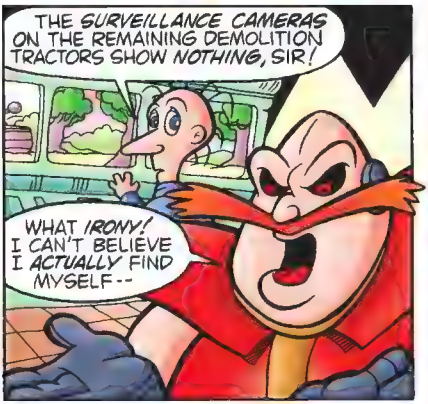
WE COULD HAVE LOST THE SIGNAL FOR ANY NUMBER OF REASONS!


"WE JUST NEED TO BE PATIENT TO SEE IF THIS IS A PERMANENT SITUATION OR NOT!"
THE WATER'S BEEN FILLING UP BEHIND ME--
--AND NOT MUCH AIR LEFT!

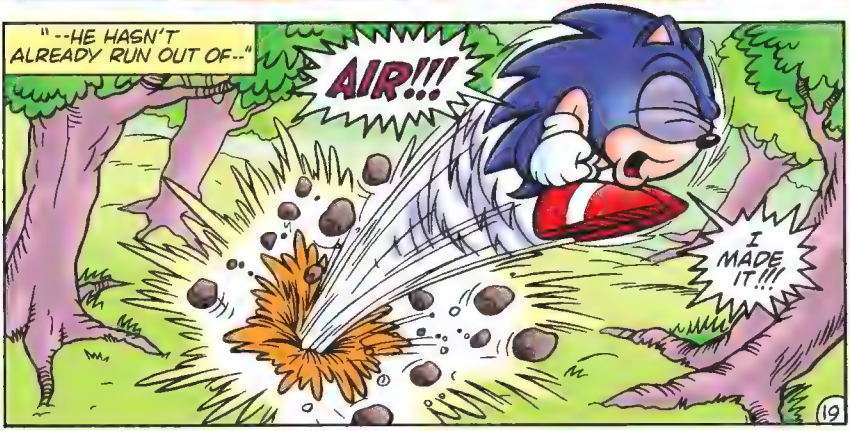
DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN JUICE!

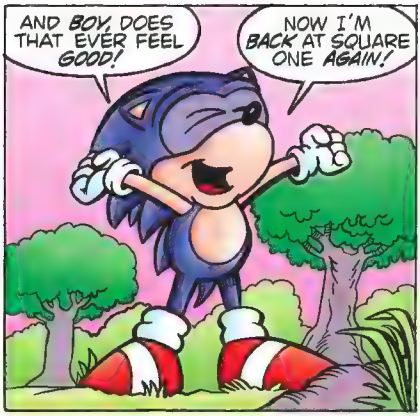

ROTOR! WHAT'S HAPPENING? CAN YOU GET A PICTURE?
I'M TRYING, PRINCESS--


--BUT THE CONNECTION'S TOTALLY GONE!
WE CAN ONLY WAIT AND HOPE SOMETHING TURNS UP ON THE OTHER MONITORS!


THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ON THE REMAINING DEMOLITION TRACTORS SHOW NOTHING, SIR!
WHAT IRONY! I CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY FIND MYSELF--

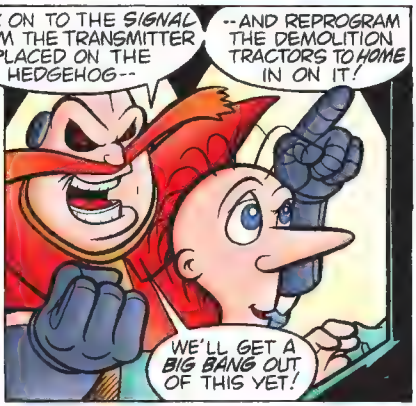
--ROOTING FOR THE HEDGEHOG TO PULL HIS BACON OUT OF THE FRYING PAN!
OH, THE PAIN! THE PAIN!
I CAN ONLY HOPE--

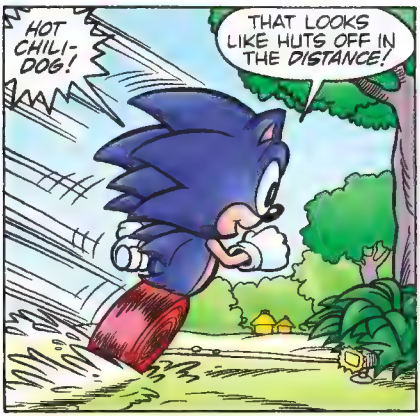

"--HE HASN'T ALREADY RUN OUT OF--"
AIR!!!
I MADE IT!!!

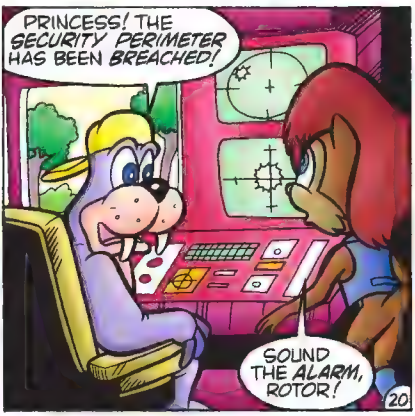

AND BOY, DOES THAT EVER FEEL GOOD!
NOW I'M BACK AT SQUARE ONE AGAIN!

WHICH WAY DO I GO?
WE'RE BACK ON-LINE, DOCTOR!
EXCELLENT, SNIVELY!

MY BEST GUESS IS TO KEEP GOING STRAIGHT AHEAD!
VA-ROOOOM!
I JUST WISH I HAD MORE THAN A FEELING!


LOCK ON TO THE SIGNAL FROM THE TRANSMITTER I PLACED ON THE HEDGEHOG--
--AND REPROGRAM THE DEMOLITION TRACTORS TO HOME IN ON IT!
WE'LL GET A BIG BANG OUT OF THIS YET!


HOT CHILI-DOG!
THAT LOOKS LIKE HUTS OFF IN THE DISTANCE!

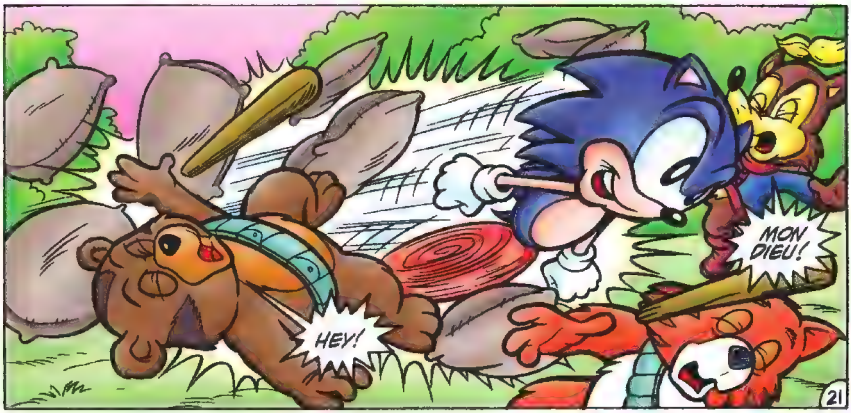

PRINCESS! THE SECURITY PERIMETER HAS BEEN BREACHED!
SOUND THE ALARM, ROTOR!

AH-OOOO-WA
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!!
OH MY! THE SIREN!

GET ZEE CHILDREN INTO ZEE SHELTERS!
EVERYBODY ELSE TO ZEE BARRICADES!

PREPARE TO STAND YOUR GROUND! WE MUST BE READY FOR ANYTHING!
WHAT COULD ROBOTNIK BE SENDING AGAINST US?!

LOOK, ANTOINE! COMING TOWARDS US!! IT'S ONLY SONIC!
SOMETHING IS WRONG, MON AMI!
ZIS DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT!


HEY!
MON DIEU!

WHEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS FIGHT...
(THEY REALLY FIGHT!)

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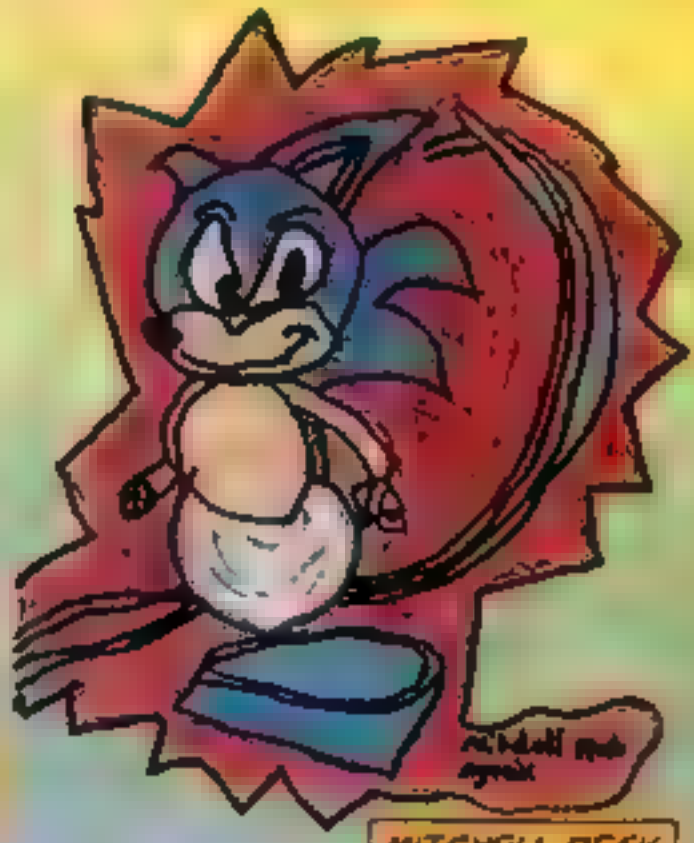

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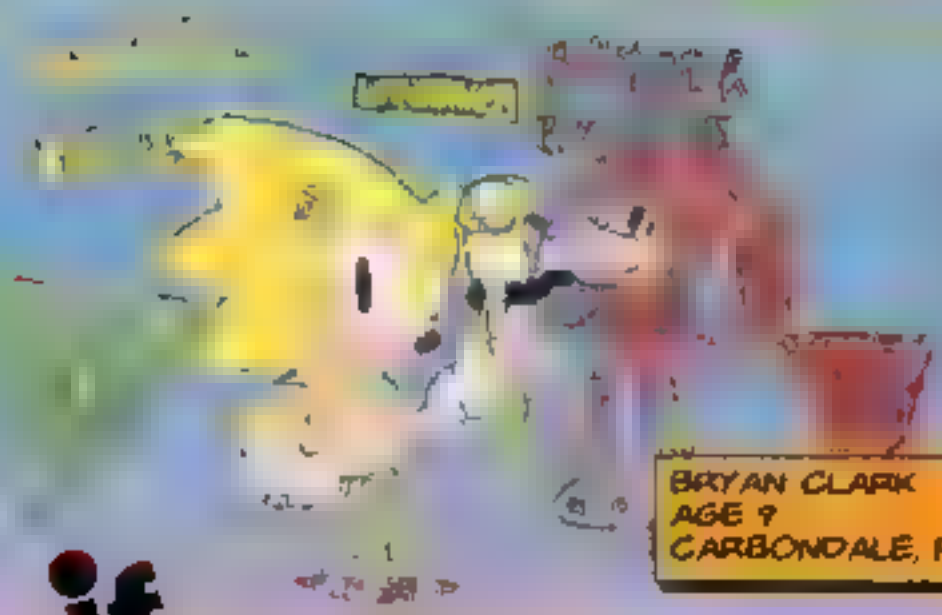

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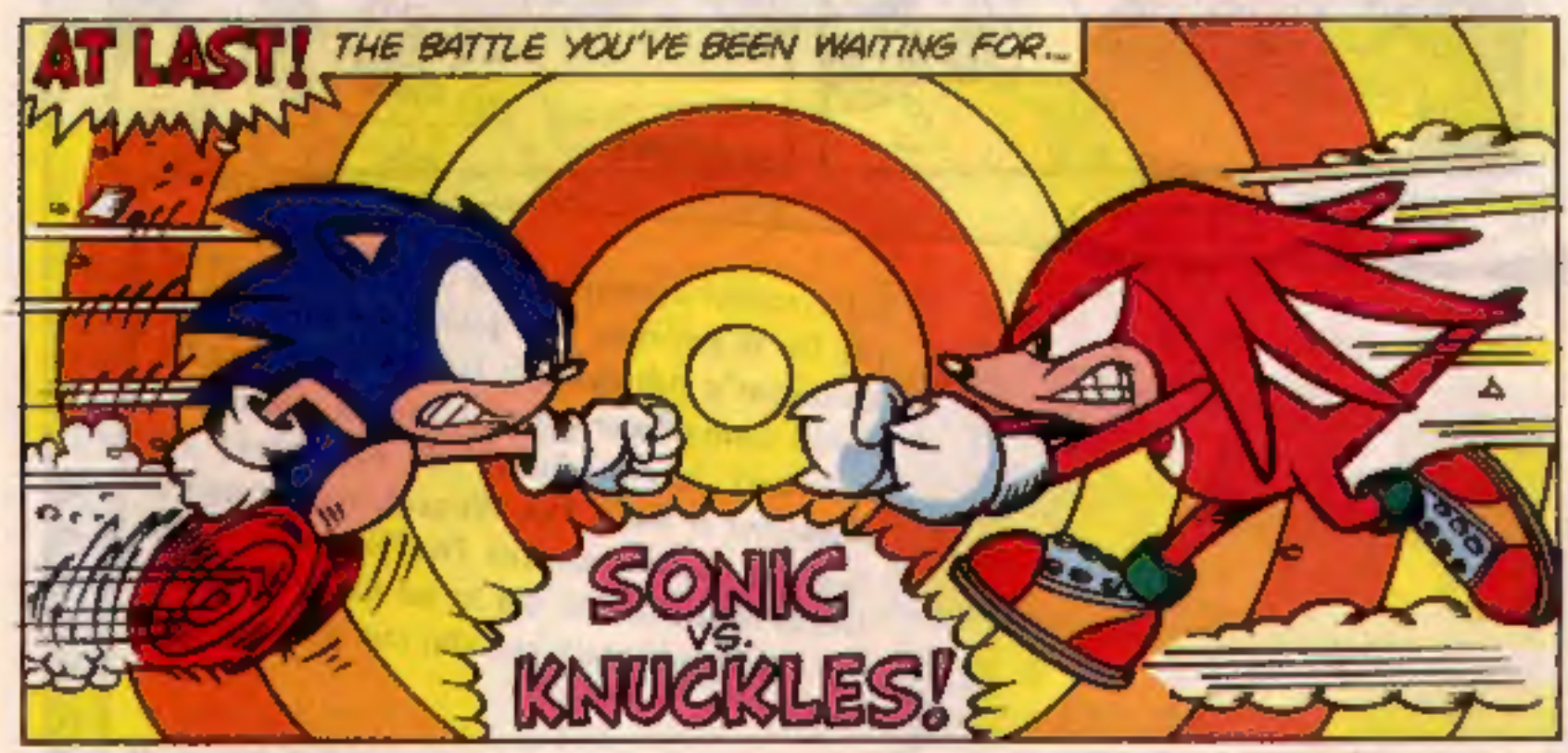
THRILL TO TAILS' SOLO ADVENTURE!
THE REAL THRILL WAS WHEN I RE-NEGOTIATED MY CONTRACT!

CHECK OUT PRINCESS SALLY IN A HOT PINK STRING BIKINI!
EDITING ROOM
I DON'T THINK SO!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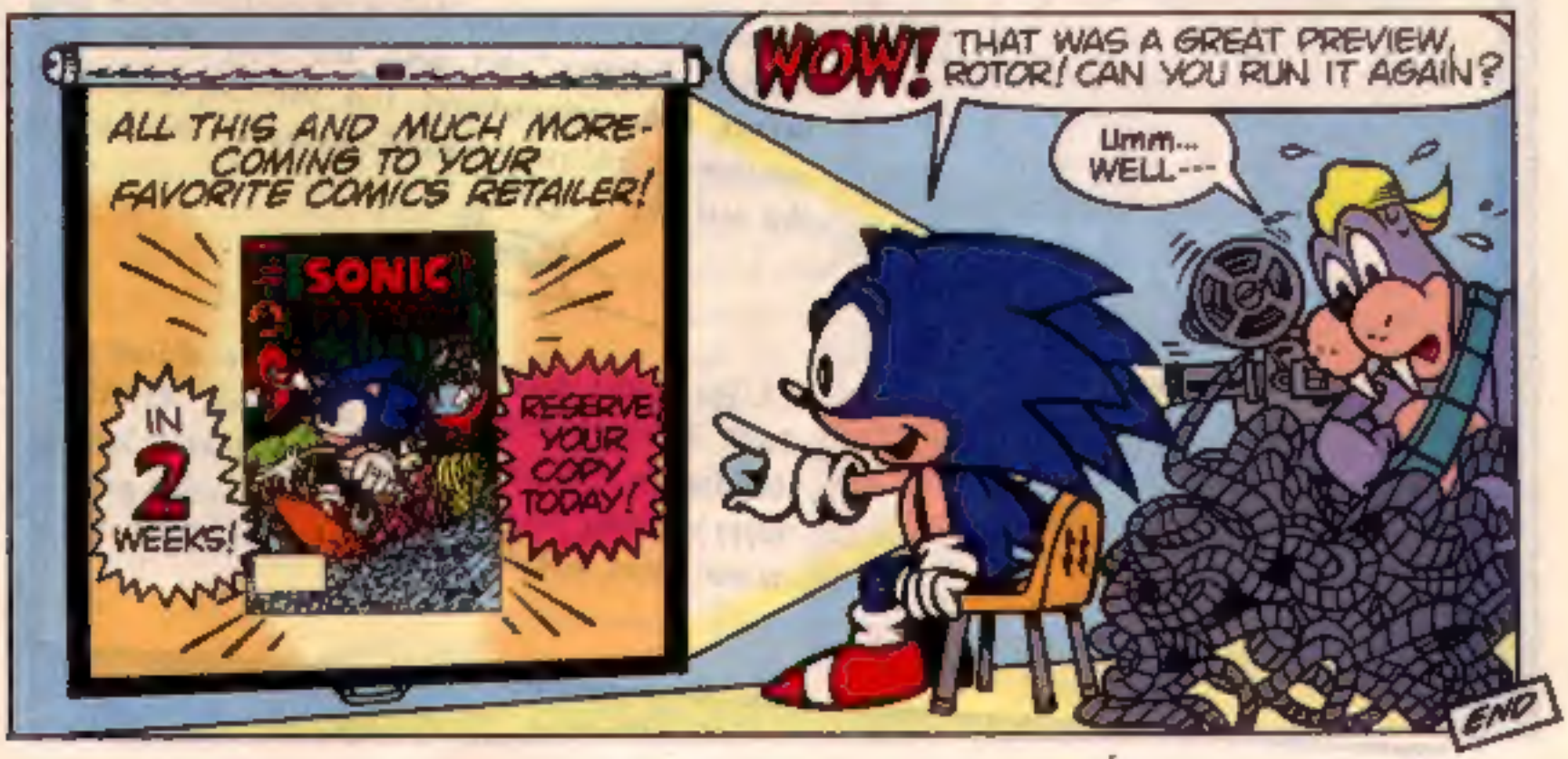
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Umm... WELL---
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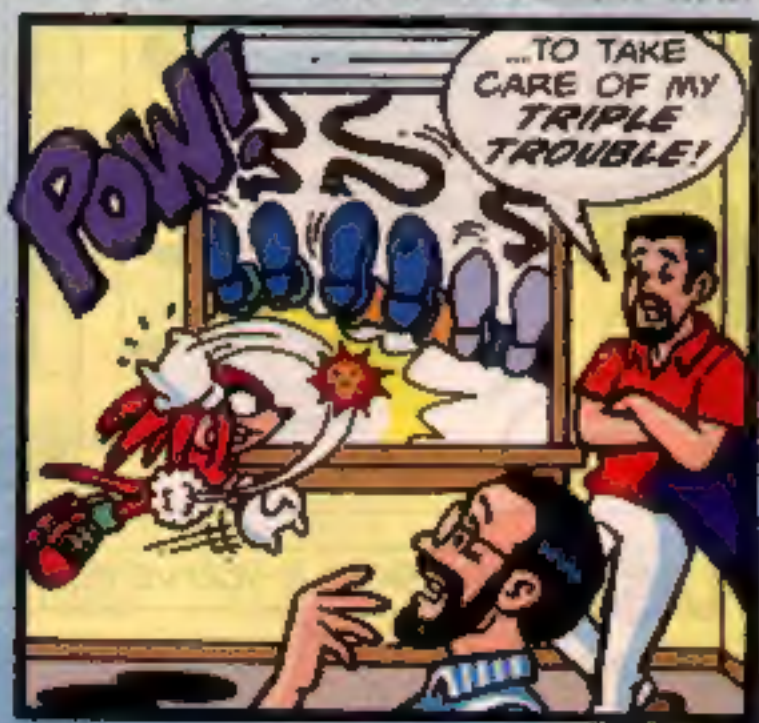

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Next month, not only will you thrill to the conclusion to "A Scrambled Hedgehog," but you'll also enjoy **Tails' latest solo adventure!** That story begins the countdown to Tails' very own **mini-series**--but more on that next time!

Scott

P.S. This month's installment of the "Adventures of Scott & Paul" introduces Archie Comics staff artist **Frank Gagliardo.** This talented, hardworking dude keeps Sonic happy by making sure our comics look perfect before going to our printer. Give the guy a high five! **SLAP!**

Dear Sonic,

You are totally cool! I wish you were the president. I have a friend, April, whose family is cool too, and she has all three Sonic games. I wish I had a pair of Super Sonic Sneakers. Can you tell me where I could get a pair? And tell Tails that April's mom beat Robotnik in Sonic 3 with him. Gotta juice?

Joseph Koivisto
(A.K.A. Slash)
APO, AE

You want me to be president? The president of what? Anyway, I'm cool, you're cool, they're cool, so I was feeling kind of glad that we can all be cool together. As for my sneakers, they are one of a kind. They were created by my Uncle Chuck before he got... roboticized! I'll get him back. You hear me, Ro-butt-nik?! I'll get him back! That's a promise!

Dear Sonic Grams,

My name is Joshua McGill and even though Sonic is the star of the comic book, my favorite character is... Dr. Ivo Robotnik! I just love every dirty deed this malevolent meany tries. I have an evil idea that even the Doctor would be proud of: Sonic usually defeats one super robot at a time. I think if they all attack at the same time (Universalamander, Termite-nator, Pseudo-Sonic, King Gong and E.V.E.), they can finish the rodent once and for all. Also, could Crabmeat and Snively show up more often (they are Robotnik's assistants, after all)? Finally, could you bring back some of the badniks from Sonic 1, 2 and 3 in your current issues?

Joshua McGill
Windsor Heights, WV

Hey, Hey, Hey! What do you think this is? Ro-Butt-Grams? Robotnik can send a thousand robots against me at the same time. It still won't help him. I'm on the side of good, freedom and the pursuit of chili dogs, remember? And I got my friends, The Freedom Fighters, to back me up all the way. Robotnik might be able to get rid of me one day, but he can't defeat us all! As far as the badniks from issues #1, 2 and 3, I miss making fun of those losers, but not enough to see their ugly mugs again. Since the next letter is addressed to Sally, I'll let her answer it.

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Dear Sally,

I think you are very beautiful and also very smart! Sonic sure picked the right girl. In Sonic #22, you and Sonic had kids, right? What are their names? And is Geoffrey St. John an Australian?

Rachel Risdal
Sioux City, IA

Thank you, Sonic, for letting me use your letters column. Rachel, you're very nice to say that I'm smart and beautiful. Thank you! Now on to your questions: In Sonic #22, that was an alternate future (that means a future that might or might not happen--read Sonic In Your Face #1 for the inside scoop). I hope it comes true in this time line. We just have to wait and see. As far as my "children" are concerned, I don't know what their names are. I haven't named them, since they're not born yet. And a good guess on your part--Geoffrey is Australian.